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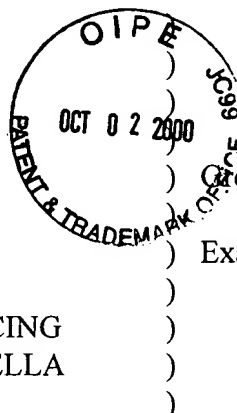
In re Application of:

Philippe SANSONETTI et al.

Serial No.: 08/466,698

Filed: June 6, 1995

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
TRANSFORMED SHIGELLA
(AS AMENDED)



Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Mark Navarro

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 40

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2000 (Paper No. 40), the period of response to which has been extended by filing a petition for three month extension of time and fee concurrently herewith, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8, 10, and 13-23.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 24. A method for modifying a wild strain of an enteroinvasive *Shigella* to produce a modified strain of *Shigella* that can be used for making a vaccine against the wild strain of *Shigella* comprising inactivating an *icsA* gene of the wild strain of *Shigella*, other than only by

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